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## USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS THE VILLAGE OF PALMER

**Palmer, Neb., May 9, 2006**—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded a \$750,000 loan to the Village of Palmer for expansion of their treatment facility that will restore the system to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements. State revolving funds and a Community Development Block Grant totaling \$532,000 will be utilized towards the project that will benefit 472 rural residents.

“The Village of Palmer’s population has grown since the current lagoons were built. Because of that growth the current lagoon ponds are unable to handle the volume from the Village. Expanding to four lagoon ponds will enable the Village to continue to grow and meet the continuing needs of the community. This will also place our wastewater system in compliance with NDEQ’s regulations,” stated Victoria Ramold, Village Clerk.

“Currently the existing stabilization ponds lack the capacity to handle and treat the current flows of the village,” stated Jolene Kasper, community programs specialist, USDA Rural Development. “Rural Development is pleased to be able to assist the community.”

USDA Rural Development funding provided via its’ Water and Waste Disposal Loan program. Term of loan is 40 years at 4.375% percent rate of interest.

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